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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Britain And ANZUS

JUST why Britain's request to send an observer to the ANZUS conference has been rejected in anything but clear, nor is it easy to understand why such a decision has been made by the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Some observers feel that one reason is that if Britain be allowed to "sit in" on the discussions, other countries would claim - the same privilege. Lost sight of is the fact that Britain has special interests in the South Pacific; moreover she has strong ties with Australia and New Zealand as partners in the British Commonwealth. That the Foreign Office should feel hurt and somewhat affronted is natural enough. While Britain has not become an active associate in the Pacific Council, she is fully sympathetic to its aims and objects. And in seeking to have an observer at the Council meetings, she is striving to demonstrate that her interest in ANZUS is more than idle curiosity. To suggest that her official presence at the Council discussions would create an impression among the Asiatic nations that ANZUS was tainted itself with colonialism is stretching imagination to a point of absurdity.

It is difficult to escape the conviction that Britain's claim to be represented at Honolulu has not been given the serious consideration by ANZUS which it merits. The Pacific Council has been created for the long-term purpose of establishing collective security in the South Pacific, and in the event of Australia or New Zealand being involved in a war, Britain would unhesitatingly go to their aid, and without regard to the fact that she might not be an active member of ANZUS. This is well known to all three members of the Pacific Council. It is not to be expected that London will be satisfied with leaving the situation as it exists. The request which has been made to ANZUS is a reasonable one and the least the members of the Pacific Council can do is to give new and deeper consideration to Britain's point of view.

TAKSHING ATTACKED BY RED GUNBOATS

Ship Boarded: Two Chinese Taken Off BRITISH WARSHIPS GO TO THE RESCUE

A COMMUNIST GUNBOAT AND ARMED JUNK INTERCEPTED AND FIRED ON THE MACAO-BOUND SS TAKSHING (CAPT. J. B. McCRAW) AT 2 A.M., TODAY WHILE SHE WAS ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ROUTE ABOUT 10 MILES FROM MACAO AND 5 1/2 MILES FROM LANTAU ISLAND.

The Takshing was compelled to stop and an armed boarding party from the Communist boats went aboard and removed two Chinese passengers.

In reply to a distress signal, the frigate HMS Mounts Bay and the destroyer, HMS Consort, went to the rescue.

Both British warships were fired on by Communist shore batteries and they returned the fire.

The Takshing, owned by the Tai Yip Company, registered in Hongkong and flying the British flag, left Hongkong at midnight for Macao. She took the normal route past Green Island and when within quarter of a mile off Lantau, turned north to remain within British territorial waters. Thereafter she followed the international trade route.

At 2 a.m. she was hailed by a gunboat and an armed launch flying the Chinese Communist flag and told to stop. She continued on her way. The gunboat opened machine-gun fire and also fired one or two rounds of shells. The Takshing was superficially hit astern by bullets.

She stopped and was ordered by the Chinese gunboat towards Lap Sap Mei Island.

She stopped in a bay on the west side of Lap Sap Mei Island and an armed guard went on board and forcibly removed two men passengers, Ching Chee-wah, and Lo Yee-wah.

At about the same time, having received a signal from the Takshing, HMS Mounts Bay (Capt. A.F.P. Lewis DSC, RN) and the HMS Consort (Com-

G.B. Rowe RN) were despatched to investigate.

At five minutes to seven the two British ships arrived at the position given by the Takshing to find the steamer under way for Hongkong.

The two British gunboats followed the Takshing to within half a mile inside British waters off Lantau point.

At 7.50 a.m., when the three ships were about four and a half miles inside Lantau Channel, Chinese shore batteries on Lap Sap Mei fired on them.

The fire was returned by the British men-of-war.

Spontaneous firing lasted for about five minutes.

No damage was done to the British ships and no one was hurt.

It is thought that the Communist batteries used 75-mm guns.

The Takshing returned to her berth at the Takshing wharf on Connaught Road West and the skipper, Capt. J. B. McCraw, went ashore to report to the authorities.

Police guarded the wharf and permitted no one to enter or to leave until now.

GOVT. STATEMENT

The following statement was issued by the Government Public Relations Office at 1 o'clock today:

About 2.20 a.m. this morning the British-registered steamer, ss Takshing, regularly employed on the Macao ferry route, was proceeding in the well-established international channel between Hongkong and Macao when she was overhauled by a vessel which called upon her to stop and fired bursts from a machine-gun. The vessel stopped and a round from a heavier gun was fired ahead of her bows to emphasise the order. The Master was instructed to proceed to the island of Lap Sap Mei, where he was brought to anchor in a bay on the west side of Lap Sap Mei. A party of Chinese Communist troops boarded the vessel and searched her. Two passengers were removed from the ship by the armed party and taken ashore.

In the meantime two British Naval vessels, HMS Consort and HMS Mounts Bay, had been despatched to investigate in response to a wireless appeal from the master and encountered the Takshing as she was leaving Lap Sap Mei.

The Takshing was returning to Hongkong escorted by the two Naval vessels and was in British waters off South Lantau Light when fire was opened from Communist shore batteries on the east side of Lap Sap Mei. Fire was returned. There were no casualties or damage except bullet holes in the Takshing from the bursts fired when she was first called upon to stop.

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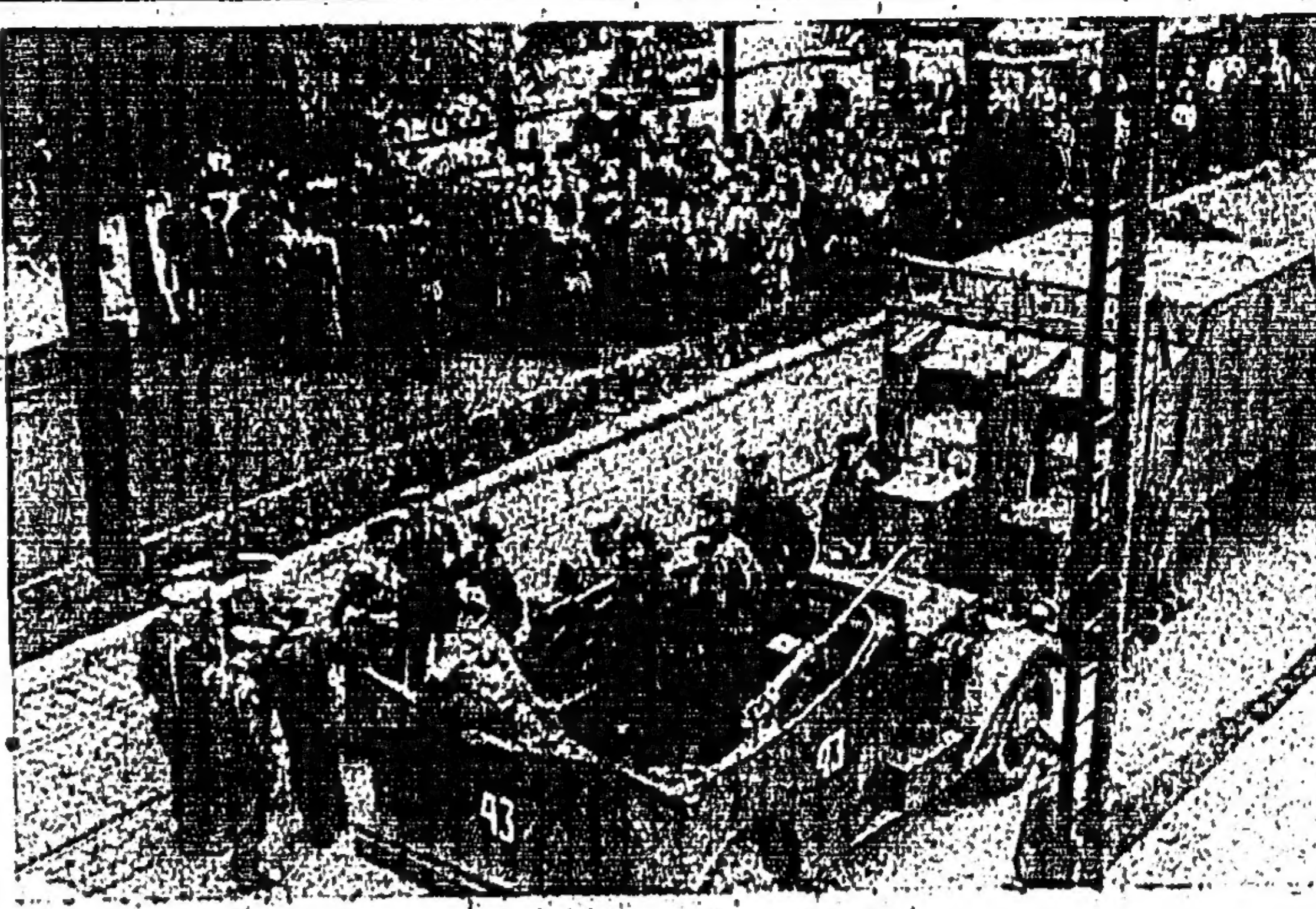
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Missing Submarine

Fleet Is Mobilised For Search

Paris, Sept. 24.

The whole French Mediterranean fleet based on Toulon has been mobilised to take part in the search for the French submarine La Sibylle, missing on exercises in the Mediterranean with 48 officers and men aboard.

A French naval spokesman said: "We have the most serious apprehensions—submarine accidents are always liable to lead to calamities."

La Sibylle was off Toulon when the last message was received from her this morning. The submarine failed to surface after a diving exercise shortly before midday, the naval spokesman said.

The crew consists of three officers and 45 men. La Sibylle is a craft of 715 tons surface displacement with an armament of one four-inch gun, one 20-millimetre anti-aircraft gun and six torpedo tubes. Her surface speed is 14 knots and submerged ten knots.

La Sibylle was the last of four British submarines to be handed over on loan to the French Navy. She left Portsmouth for L'Orient, the French naval base on July 15.

La Sibylle disappeared while diving between the island of Porquerolles and Cannes, off the Riviera coast, a naval officer said.

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A West Berlin dustcart

(right) blocks the passage of a Red Army armoured car, whose occupants, having apparently lost their way, had raced across the western sectors of the city. American military police were called out to protect the armoured car's flyman crew from the West Berliners, and to escort the car across the border into the Soviet Sector.—London Express.

Three Men Killed In Explosion

Port Arthur, Ontario, Sept. 24.

Three men were reported killed and between 15 and 20 trapped in an explosion and fire at a grain elevator here today.

One body was recovered soon after the explosion rocked the waterfront. Two were reported to have been trapped under a wall as it toppled on to a lake freighter alongside the dock.

The explosion ripped the roof off a workshop adjoining the main section of the 8,000,000 bushel terminal.

Fire followed the explosion, and all available fire-fighting equipment was rushed to the scene.

The British freighter Bayton of the Colonial Steamship Lines was reported to have been tied up at the terminal loading grain when the explosion occurred.

A terminal on the same site was destroyed by an explosion and fire in 1945 with the loss of 23 lives.—Reuter.

Dissatisfied With Publicity

London, Sept. 24.

Resolutions for the Conservative Party's annual conference next month show that Mr Winston Churchill's supporters warmly applauded his government's performance but deplored its "failure" to put its policy over to the public.

Several resolutions allege that the 1,500 seat landslide to Labour in Britain's municipal elections last spring was due largely to inept handling of government propaganda.

In a list of 188 provisional motions published today 25 are devoted to calls for a tightening up of publicity methods.

Discussion at the conference, which opens at Scarborough on October 9, will be based on a selection of key resolutions, but the views expressed in the remainder will be brought out in debate.

The Constitution of the Conservative Party is different from that of the Labour Opposition, whose annual conference is the final arbiter of the party policy. In the Conservative Party the leader—in this case Mr Churchill—has the final say.—Reuter.

Five More Reds Indicted

Washington, Sept. 24.

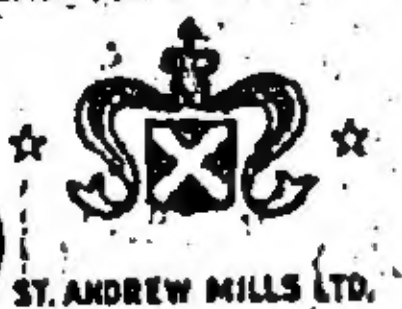
The United States Justice Department today announced indictments against five more Communist Party leaders for alleged plotting to overthrow the American Government by force.

The five named were among the 18 second rank party leaders rounded up last week on the West Coast, and in the Middle West.—Reuter.

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Mossadegh's Demand Unacceptable

WANTS £49 MILLION DOWN PAYMENT

London, Sept. 24.

Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's reported demand for a down payment by Britain of £49,000,000 was described by authoritative quarters tonight as "completely unacceptable".

However, in rejecting it, sources nevertheless hoped the door would not be closed against further moves toward ultimate settlement.

The Foreign Office was awaiting the text of the Iranian proposals and declined formal comment until it had studied them in close consultation with the United States.

The claim for payment of £49,000,000 is considered by Britain's experts as non-existent "because no such sum is due". This amount would have become due if the Iranian government had ratified the British-proposed supplementary agreement on higher royalties for Iranian oil, which it failed to do.

The amount, it was authoritatively stated, is no longer available since it has been used to meet the heavy additional expenditure incurred by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company as a result of its evacuation from Iran.—United Press.

PERSSIA'S REPLY

Tehran, Sept. 24.

The Persian Premier, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, tonight handed to the British and American envoys here Persia's reply to the Churchill-Truman proposals on the oil dispute.

Mr George Middleton, the British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr Loy Henderson, the American Ambassador, drove to the Premier's residence at 7 p.m. and stayed there for less than half an hour.

Persia's counter proposals offer four methods of settling the financial claims and counter-claims between Persia and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, according to informed sources here.

These are that if the settlement of the Persian claims prove unacceptable to the company, Persia would be prepared to go to the Hague Court for settlement of claims on the 1919 agreement (the original d'Arcy oil agreement), the 1933 agreement, or the 1949 supplementary agreement. If these agreements proved unacceptable to the company as

a basis for a settlement, Persia would abide by any mutually agreed upon and internationally recognised method of settlement, the sources said.

The court should, however, give a verdict on all issues within six months of them being referred to it.

FIRST CONDITION

As a condition for starting direct negotiations with the company, Persia would insist on the payment of £49 million by the company.

The sources said while there was no ultimatum for the severance of relations with Britain it was understood that a period of 14 days would be allowed for Britain to reply to the demands.

The counter proposals seek to ensure that the company gets compensation only for installations left behind in Abadan and other places, the sources said.

There would be no question of any other compensation after the nationalisation in 1951.

The main change in the counter proposals submitted tonight was the abandonment of the clause seeking to sever diplomatic relations with Britain, these sources said.—Reuter.

Shepherd & Flock Seek Refuge

Berlin, Sept. 24.

The West German news agency DPA reported tonight an East German shepherd fled to West Berlin last night with his flock of 800 sheep.

Taking advantage of the damp and foggy weather last night, the shepherd crossed the city boundary into the United States sector.—Reuter.

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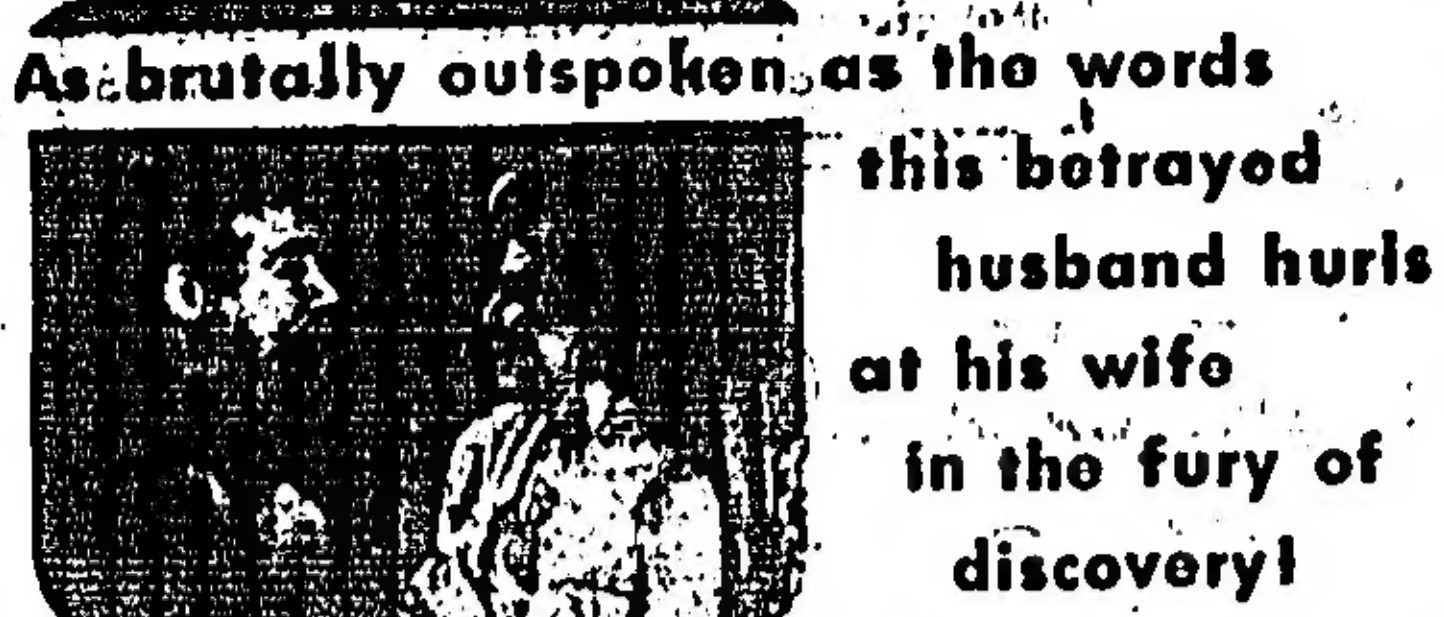
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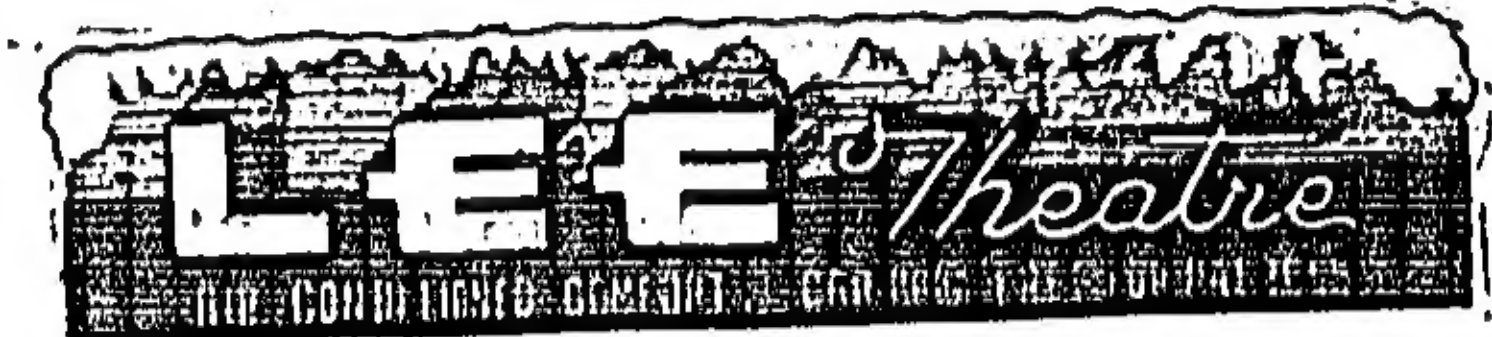
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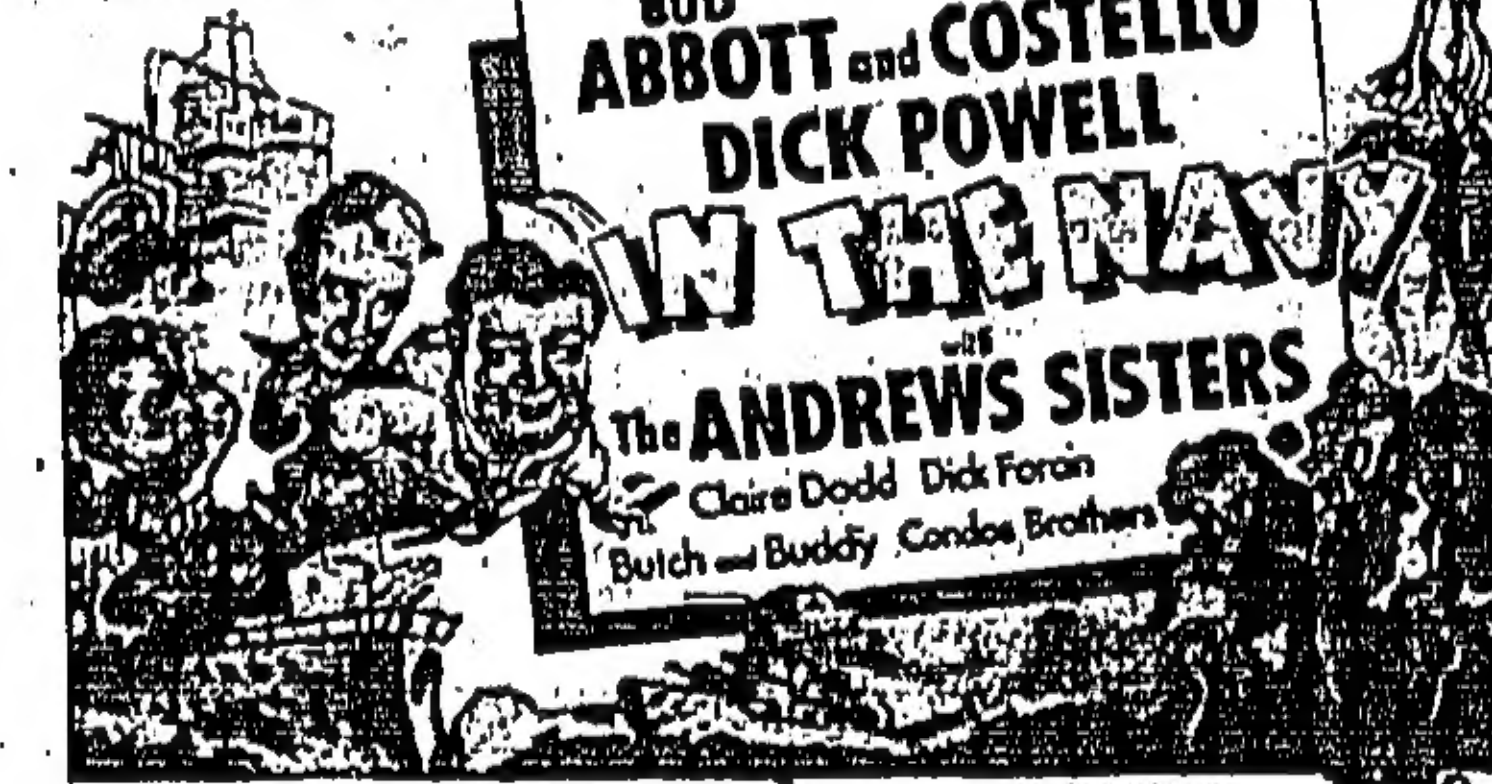
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BRITAIN'S ATOMIC TEST Blast Expected To Be Set Off Before Sunday



Dr. Werner Kierchert (left), a former Nazi concentration camp doctor, appears before the High Court in Munich with his solicitor Dr. F. Moser. He is accused of committing 14 murders at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp by using an air syringe.—Express Photo.

Sydney, Sept. 24.
Scientists may be waiting only for more favourable weather before detonating Britain's secret atomic weapon on the lonely Monte Bello islands off Western Australia, observers said today.

Speculation in some quarters was that the blast would come any time before Sunday.

The atomic weapon, other complicated equipment and a team of the biggest names in Commonwealth atomic and guided missile research have been surrounded by a secrecy barrier far tighter than that leading up to the American atom tests at Bikini in mid-Pacific.

The screening of the movement of naval vessels, together with the arrival at the Monte Bello of one high level scientist, suggested that zero hour is not far off.

Dr. W. G. Penney, who is playing a prominent role in the test project, arrived at the coastal town of Onslow on Sunday and headed for the islands, 44 miles distant, immediately.

Newsman camping at Onslow as they wait for the blast identified Dr. Penney without question as a member of a party believed to include Dr. O. M. S. Solandt of Canada, one of the world's senior guided missile experts.

Meanwhile, five Australian warships, plus a British aircraft carrier, the destroyer HMS Tobruk and the Shallowford, Murchison and Hawkesbury arrived at Darwin on Sunday morning. They weighed anchor shortly after and started the 1,000-mile voyage to the islands.

ROCKETS ARRIVE

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Newspaper reports on Monday said that a shipment of five-ton rockets was unloaded from the British freighter, Chaffin, at Onslow. It was believed the weapons were destined for the Woomera rocket range in Northern Australia. This report increased speculation that the tests may involve some rocket usage.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was reported a few days ago to have originated a defence plan emphasising jet bombers and guided missiles.

A United Press correspondent at Perth reported that security was so strict that interest in the impending blast was waning simply because of the lack of information. He contrasted the situation with that which preceded the Bikini experiments when a steady stream of advance stories based on concrete information developed right up until the time of the explosion.

The test has put the arid cattle country fronting the Monte Bello on the map and the scattered, rugged inhabitants reflect the situation in their humors.

On Tuesday, for example, a practical joker attached a fuse to a dummy naval mine, placed it on the doorway of a bar and scared a roomful of cattle drovers before the latter discovered that the mechanism was harmless.—United Press.

Finland's Deal With Russia

London, Sept. 24.
The Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade, M. P. N. Kurnykin, said in Helsinki last night that Finland would supply Russia with ships, prefabricated houses and timber in exchange for Russian grain, sugar and cotton. Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported today.

M. Kurnykin was speaking at a banquet celebrating the completion of Finnish reparations to Russia and the signing of a trade agreement.—Reuter.

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Liberals Favoured To Win Coming Japanese Election

Tokyo, Sept. 24.

The Liberal Party will be returned to power in next Wednesday's Japanese elections, according to a public opinion poll conducted by the Mainichi newspapers.

The results of the nation-wide survey showed that 33 per cent of those questioned would vote for the Liberals compared to the 30 per cent aligned with all other parties combined.

Twenty-four per cent said that they had not yet made up their minds and 10 per cent failed to answer the poll or said that they would not vote.

The Mainichi poll showed that the Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, leader of the

Liberal Party, stood highest in popularity among Japanese voters although Ichiro Hatoyama, leader of the Liberal Party, was close behind.

The Communist Party's newspaper, Akahata, published a call for unity with left-wing Socialists.

Neither the Communists nor left-wing Socialists are likely to make much headway in the coming battle for Diet seats but a coalition would present a solid body of left-wing influence in the capital.

SHORT OF FUNDS

Reports from campaign headquarters of various parties said that the candidates in the prefectural districts are running out of funds. Increasing numbers of telegrams are pouring in asking for more money to finance the final week of the fight.

The Liberals are planning a big splurge. The Party plans to hire three aircraft to scatter handbills over all the principal cities of Japan. They also intend publishing advertisements in many newspapers.

On Thursday, when Mr. Yoshida comes to Tokyo to speak, huge advertising balloons will be flown.

Political observers predicted that a split in the Liberal Party after the election would bring a major realignment in Japan's political set-up. There has been increasing bad feeling between the Yoshida and Hatoyama factions of the Party.—United Press.

Korea Casualties

Washington, Sept. 24.
Announced U.S. battle casualties in Korea reached 118,569 today, an increase of 586 since last week.—Associated Press.

Ivy Kept On Special Diet

London, Sept. 24.

One of the most closely watched animals in the London Zoo now is the polar bear, Ivy. Keepers are anxious that she gets to food of any kind from the public. There is a reason.

Ivy, mother of Brumas, is likely to have another cub in November and too much of the wrong kind of food could be fatal.

Ivy's keepers hope she will have a male cub—Brumas is a female—but she may well have twins.

Twins are common among polar bears.

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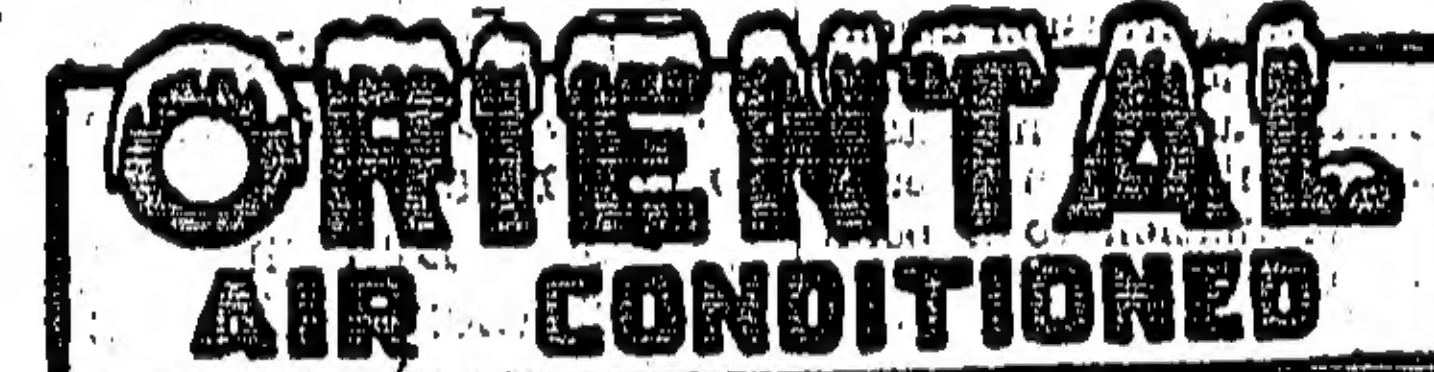
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Strasbourg Calls For New Monetary Conference

CONCERN OVER CHECK TO EUROPE'S OUTPUT

Strasbourg, Sept. 24.

The 15-nation Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly today overwhelmingly called for a new international conference to consider what it called the "present monetary dilemma" in Europe. It took this step by passing unanimously, except for one abstention, a long resolution in which the 132 members expressed concern at a recent check to the increase in European production.

They said they could not but believe that this check "is due to a number of causes among which figure the stricter financial policies pursued in certain member countries." These countries were not identified in the resolution.

Adoption of the resolution wound up a two-day debate on Europe's economic position in which many members expressed anxiety at the continuation of the dollar gap and called for increased production in Europe. During today's debate the rapporteur of the Economic Committee, Mr. Robert Boothby (British Conservative), said the most serious consequence of the Bretton Woods agreement was that it made impossible the bringing of international compact into contemplation.

"We restrict imports, our currencies are not freely convertible, and we have devalued our currencies without consulting the International Fund," he said.

Two hours before the vote, Signor Giuseppe Pella, Italian Budget Minister, called the dollar gap the most urgent and important problem for Europe, but said there was no one solution.

He also contended that pessimism expressed in the Assembly about industrial production was unfounded as it was not production but only the rate of increase which had decreased.

WITH CONCERN

But the Assembly, echoing the view of many of its speakers, declared in its resolution that it "notes with concern that for the first time since 1947 the quarterly index of industrial production in O.E.E.C. countries (comprising most of Western Europe) has stopped increasing as compared with the previous year."

The Assembly declared itself "perturbed" that Europe was in danger of failing to reach its target of a 25 per cent expansion of production by 1956.

The form of words "blaming" certain member countries was reached after a discussion in the committee. Signor Pella, whose speech today was his second to the Assembly this week, advocated the slogan "Trade is better than aid for helping Europe to close the dollar gap."

Signor Ferruccio Parri (Italy, Republican) said there were many reasons why the Council of Europe should be entrusted with the economy of Europe. In the framework of a possible commonwealth of European countries there could be a common link with Britain and her Commonwealth. He thought it would be possible to set up a European Commonwealth, adding: "That is truly the only road to a European future."

The Assembly adjourned until tomorrow, when members will discuss the Economic relations between Europe and overseas countries.

It is proposed to ask the British Commonwealth to negotiate a system of "secondary preferences" with Western European countries and their dependencies.—Reuter.

Rita Staying At Aly Khan Mansion

Paris, Sept. 24. Film star Rita Hayworth today returned to Prince Aly Khan's luxurious mansion on the Western outskirts of Paris, but her estranged husband was absent in his Riviera castle.

After landing at Le Havre today from the American liner, United States, Rita drove to Paris in one of her husband's cars, driven by his secretary.

As she entered the house, she refused to tell reporters whether she was planning to meet the Prince.

A member of Aly Khan's household at the Chateau de Marly near Cannes said today that the Prince was planning to stay there for several weeks. "There is no question of Rita Hayworth coming to stay here," he added.—Reuter.

RAF's Attempt On Record

London, Sept. 24. A Canberra jet bomber carrying the Air Officer Commanding Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, will attempt to break the London-Nairobi record next Sunday.

The present record for the 4,470 miles journey is less than 11 hours.—Reuter.

A Princess In London



Princess Margaretha of Sweden, 17-year-old daughter of Princess Sibylla and the late Prince Gustav Adolf, and granddaughter of King Gustav Adolf, smiles happily on arrival in London recently. On a six-month visit, the Princess will study English.—Express Photo.

Mediator Admits Failure Of Efforts On Kashmir Issue

United Nations, Sept. 24.

Dr Frank Graham, United Nations representative for Kashmir, reported to the Security Council today that he had failed to effect an agreement between India and Pakistan on the demilitarisation of Kashmir.

The demilitarisation of the area, which has been in a state of truce since 1948, must precede the holding of a plebiscite to determine whether Kashmir should be incorporated in India or in Pakistan.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has been appointed plebiscite administrator, but has so far been unable to take up his duties.

Dr Graham, in a series of discussions in New York and Geneva with Indian and Pakistani representatives, examined two proposals:

1 To establish the number and character of the forces to be left on each side of the cease-fire line at the end of the period of demilitarisation.

2 To establish certain criteria for establishing definite figures on the basis of the functions and requirements on each side of the cease-fire line.

He reported that no agreement had been reached by the two parties on either of these two approaches.

The two governments, according to Dr Graham's report, also still held a basic difference of opinion regarding their status and commitments under the original agreements of 1948 and 1949.

RIVAL VIEWS
The position of the two governments as stated during the conferences:

India—forces required for internal and external security of Kashmir cannot be lower than 21,000 troops, not including the Kashmir State militia. On the Pakistan side, remaining forces should not exceed a civil armed force of 4,000 men.

Pakistan—will accept Dr Graham's proposal to leave 18,000 Indian and State armed forces plus 6,000 State militia on the Indian side and 6,000 armed forces plus 3,500 Gilgit and Northern Scouts on the Pakistan side.

Dr Graham's report does not propose any definite action to be taken further. In his conclusions he merely places the basic problems of demilitarisation, as now narrowed down in discussion, squarely before the Security Council for their further consideration.

After outlining the positions taken by the two Governments on the number and character of forces to remain in Kashmir after demilitarisation, Dr Graham reached the following conclusions:

FAILURE EVIDENT

1 "After two weeks of discussion it was evident that agreement could not be reached at this conference on any of the revised drafts presented for consideration. The positions of the two Governments on the main issues were that the contemplated examination of the resolutions of August 13, 1948, and January 5, 1949, resolution by resolution and paragraph by paragraph, did not appear to be a useful further line of approach."

2 "The possibility envisaged by the United Nations representative in his statement of July 16, 1952, of discussion of any further suggestions that the representatives of the two Governments wish to make did not arise during the conference and no alternative suggestions were made."

3 "The present positions of the two Governments are derived from their differing conception of their status in the State. This more than anything else is the origin of their different interpretation with regard to their commitments."

MEDIATOR'S PLAN

4 "Growing out of the basic difference in the interpretation of the two Governments regarding their status and commitments under the Kashmir Commission resolutions of August 13, 1948, and January 5, 1949, is their difference over the character and number of forces to be left on each side of the cease-fire line at the end of the period of demilitarisation."

5 "For the solution of this problem, the United Nations representative, after submitting brackets of figures within which discussion might proceed, later suggested to the parties in the Geneva conference definite figures."

6 "Alternatively he suggested criteria for establishing definite figures on the basis of the functions and requirements on each side of the cease-fire line."

—Reuter.

Eden's Austrian Mission

'Complete Accord' Reached

Vienna, Sept. 24.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Austrian Ministers with whom he conferred today, found themselves "in complete accord in their efforts to achieve a treaty which will secure to Austria her freedom and her independence," a communique stated.

Mr. Eden arrived by air yesterday from Yugoslavia for a five-day visit. His talks with the Austrian leaders began this morning.

Apart from the communique no official information was available on this morning's meeting between Mr. Eden and the Austrian Ministers—the Federal Chancellor Dr. Figl, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Schnerb, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Gruber.

Unofficial sources stated, however, that in the treaty discussions nothing could be decided, as no answer had been received yet from the Russians and it was therefore not known whether the meeting of deputies would take place in London soon.

But various possibilities were discussed, and tentative lines of action agreed.

Mr. Eden was the guest of the Austrian Federal President, Dr. Theodor Körner, at lunch today in the Hofburg.

TO REMAIN FIRM

The Austrian Government will remain "firm and uncompromising" towards the Soviet Union in the peace treaty talks, Dr. Figl said.

At a banquet in honour of Mr. Eden, he said: "We do not know whether the negotiations on the State treaty or the discussions about Austria which are expected to take place at UNO will bring us nearer to our goal of being finally free and sovereign."

"But however ardently we long for the day of freedom we shall not change our stand, whatever the result of the forthcoming negotiations. We are convinced we can attain our goal only through a firm uncompromising attitude."

(Brazil and Mexico have both proposed that the Austrian treaty question be placed on the agenda for the forthcoming General Assembly meeting.)

Dr. Figl told Mr. Eden: "Your presence in Vienna gives us a guarantee that you are in agreement with the attitude of the Austrian nation and its Government. It proves your readiness to help and stand by Austria in her fight for freedom."—Reuter.

Jap Dispute With Harbour Authorities

Tokyo, Sept. 24.

Japan decided today to negotiate with the Calcutta port authorities over demurrage fees levied against 24 Japanese vessels.

The Calcutta harbour authorities ordered the vessels to stay outside the port because of a rule limiting the number of ships inside the port at one time.

While waiting their turn to enter the harbour the Japanese ships ran up demurrage fees. The shippers refused to pay the fees since the vessels did not enter the harbour for unloading according to contract terms.

The Japanese Ministry of Transportation will ask the Calcutta harbour authorities to persuade shippers to regard out-of-port arrivals on the same basis as port arrivals.—United Press.

Warning To Australia

Melbourne, Sept. 24.

Unless Australia shows more interest in its Antarctic territory, its claims there might not last very long, Mr. P. G. Law, Director of the Australian Antarctic Division, warned here today.

Mentioning that no Australian expedition has landed in the Antarctic since 1931, Mr. Law advocated a permanent scientific base in Australian Antarctic territory. Australian claims nearly half of the Antarctic regions, which are larger than Australia and the United States combined.

He said plans have been completed for a 2,000-ton steel research ship, adding that if the Australian Government will agree to establish an Antarctic station, a scientific party will be ready to leave within a year.—Reuter.

Kenya Editor Arrested

Nairobi, Sept. 24.

Paul Joseph Ngeli, 28-year-old Assistant Secretary-General of the Kenya African Union and editor of two vernacular papers, was arrested by police officers here today.

The warrant issued by the Magistrate alleged that Ngeli had interfered with a witness in recent proceedings against Jesse Karuri, Trustee and Organizer of the Kenya African Union.

At the same time the police searched the house of Peter Gatubaki, described as President of the Independent Schools Association in the Kilbury area near here. The police said documents were seized.—Reuter.

Field-Marshal Slim's Farewell Tour

Nottingham, Sept. 24.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Governor-General-designate of Australia, began a farewell tour of the Northern Command at Nottingham today.

The General gives up his post on November 1. He will sail for Australia early in the New Year.—Reuter.

World Food Problems Can Be Solved

Washington, Sept. 24.

Science believes that the world can continue to feed its constantly increasing population, even if it does increase to as much as 4,000 million by the end of this century.

Dr. W. H. Schrell, director of the United States National Institutes of Health, told the International Geographical Congress here that chemistry and agriculture technology, advancing side by side, would inevitably keep pace with the numerical growth of the human race.

He said that eradication of malaria—a step which he regarded as entirely possible—alone would increase food yields in all parts of the globe by as much as 10 per cent.

"This is the same attitude I have taken when I have discussed this matter from time to time in the past," Associated Press.

Dr. Theodore Schultz, of the University of Chicago's Department of Economics, told the same meeting that the United States, if called on, could in five years increase its food productivity by 20 per cent, or enough to feed from 50 to 100 million people.

Dr. George Karlyan, of the University of Madrid, said that India was probably not as yet making the best use of its fertile land. In many instances, he said, tracts were either too large or too small to be efficient, and much land which could raise "foodstuffs" was at present devoted to commercial crops such as jute.

Other Congress speakers expressed the opinion that increasing population would have to be fed on land already

in use because there were "no longer empty areas worth developing."

But Dr. Josse de Castro, of the University of Brazil, held that the highlands of the Amazon River country could be made vastly productive if settled by people capable of operating the simpler types of farm machinery.

The optimism of science was summed up by Mr. Hamilton of the North American Regional Office, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

"On every hand, men of intelligence are turning to the solution of the food problem," he said. "With so many brains at work, there can be no failure."—Reuter.

GERMAN CAR A THREAT

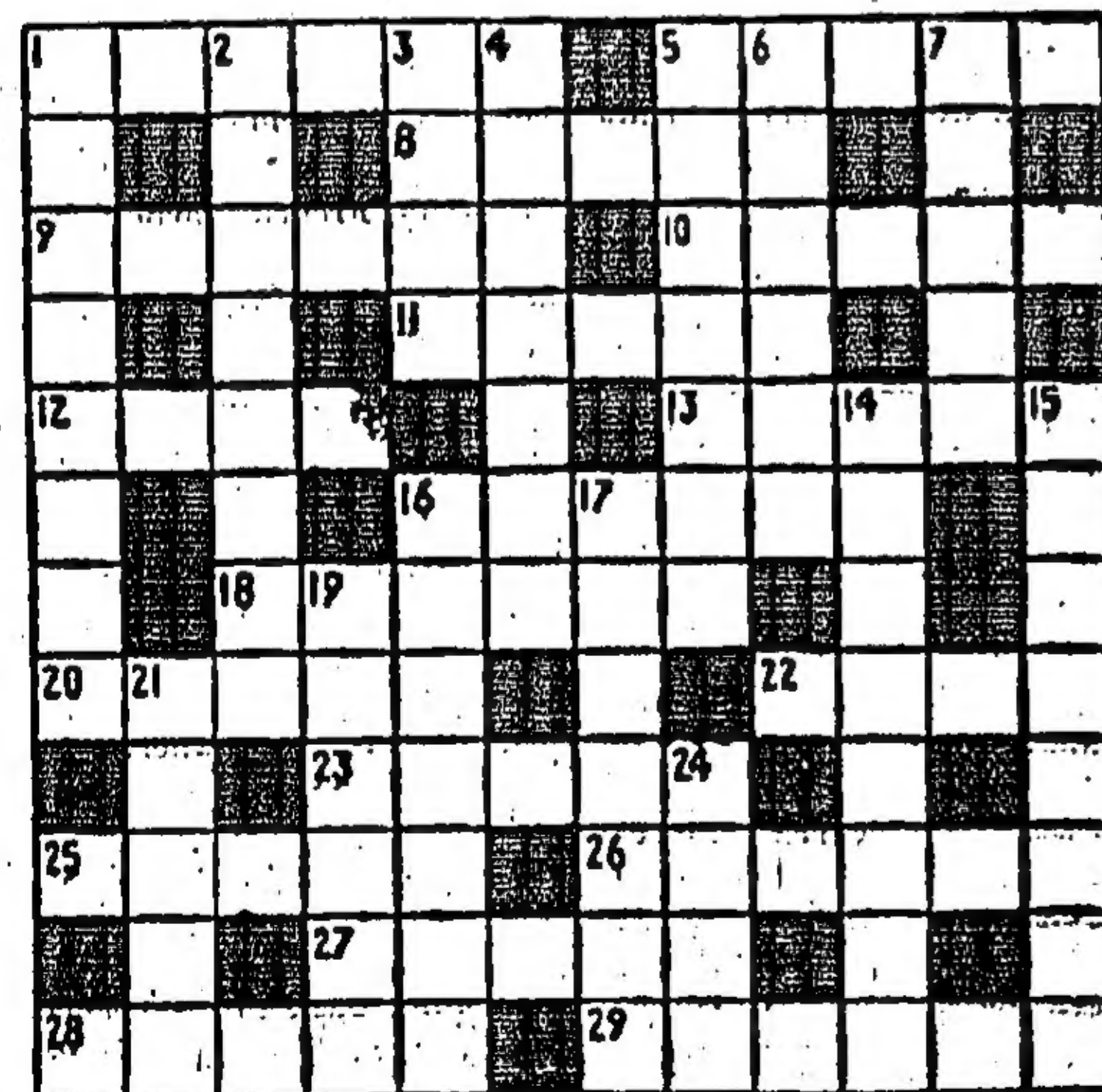
London, Sept. 24.

The Volkswagen—Germany's "People's Car"—may be produced in Canada and seriously threaten British cars in the Canadian market.

Mr. Fred Bull, Canada's Minister of Trade and Commerce, said this at a London luncheon of the Engineering Industries Association today.

The Volkswagen, although paying a tariff of 15 per cent against nothing by British cars, is sold at about £517 against £668 for a comparable British make.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Spider's network (6).
- 5 Stupid (5).
- 6 Wicked spirit (5).
- 9 Not unusual (5).
- 10 Of first importance (5).
- 11 Ape (5).
- 12 Accustomed (4).
- 13 Unclean (5).
- 14 Worn-out (6).
- 15 Rubbed out (6).
- 20 Equestrian (5).
- 22 Break of day (4).
- 23 Very cross (5).
- 26 Stop (5).
- 28 Antelope (6).
- 29 Willow (5).
- 28 Slope (5).
- 29 Flick (5).

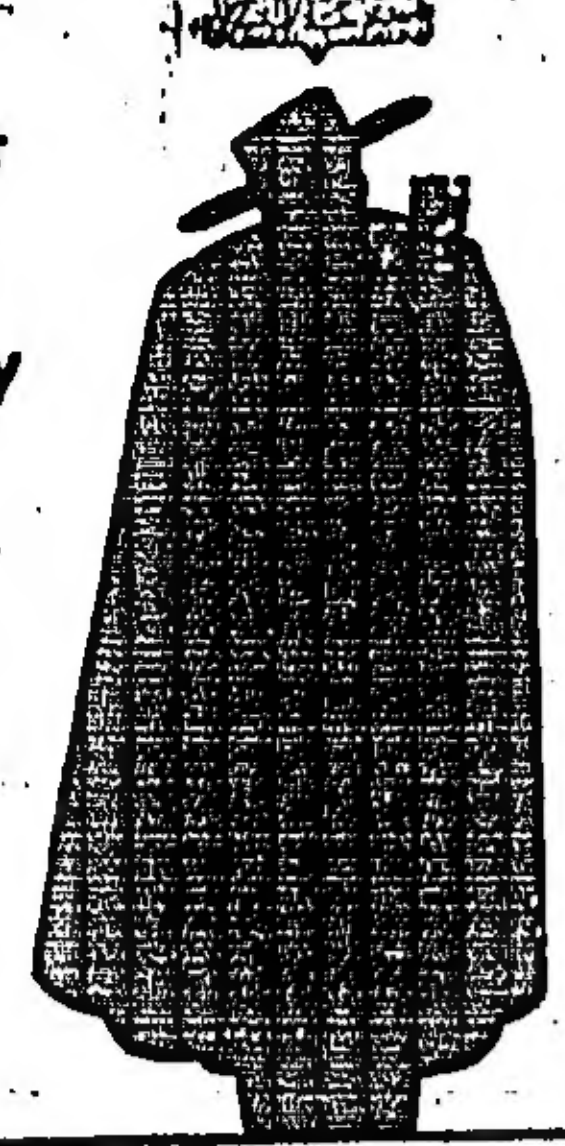
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- 1 Ugar (5).
- 2 Exchanged (6).
- 3 Dutch cheese (4).
- 4 Creeds (7).
- 5 Split up (7).
- 6 Bring to light (6).
- 7 Ray of light (5).
- 14 Family member (8).
- 15 Most juvenile (6).
- 16 Serious (7).
- 17 Cross-river crafts (7).
- 18 Molyne (6).
- 21 Perfect (5).
- 24 Of old (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Pastor; 2 Abbot; 3 Monk; 4 Elude; 5 Later; 6 Demise; 14 Beet; 15 Burns; 16 Scorn; 17 Eddy; 20 Account; 22 Swamp; 23 Ornate; 24 Part; 27 Siles; 28 Eastern; Down: 1 Peer; 2 Spud; 3 Onion; 4 Result; 5 Aligned; 6 Battery; 7 Tarnish; 10 Deter; 11 Aspire; 14 Bomber; 15 Encamps; 17 Adorn; 19 Begone; 21 Glee; 22 Pans; 23 Brown.

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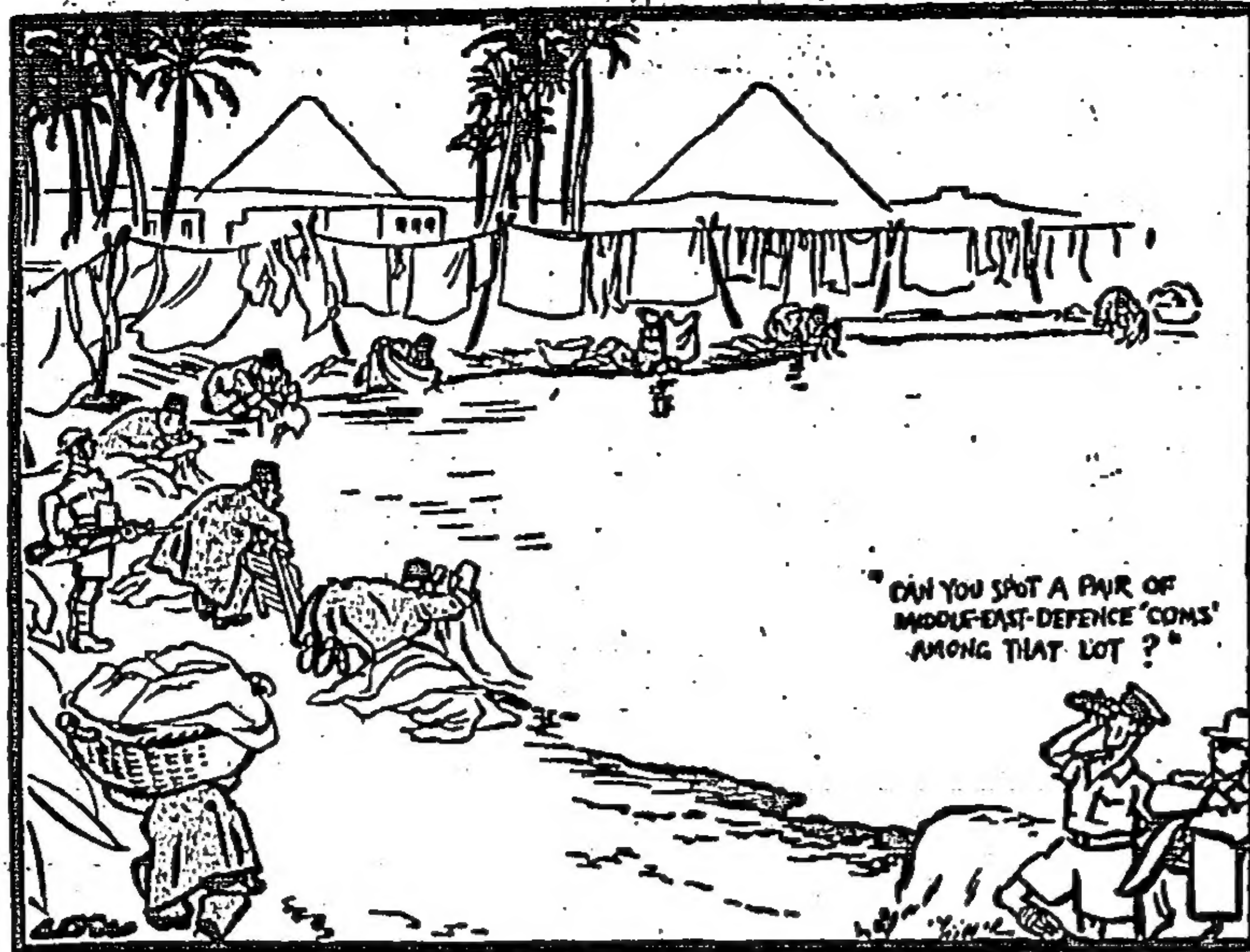
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Mr. HUROK cashes in on Culture

LONDON. SALOMON ("Sol") HUROK paces his suite at the Savoy waiting for calls and cables from Milan, Copenhagen, Paris, Brussels. In all these cities, as well as in London, he is booking or planning American tours for hand-picked singers, dancers, fiddlers, pianists, complete opera companies, entire ballet troupes.

He has been doing this sort of thing with some profit for 40 years. Since the late twenties his gross box office takings have risen, he says, from £720,000 to £1,800,000 a year. He has three or four hundred artists on contract either as individuals or in groups. His four sopranos alone—Marian Anderson, the coloured contralto, Arthur Rubinstein, the pianist, Jan Peerce, the tenor, and Patrice Munsel, soprano—between them bring in nearly £200,000 a season.

Black patches

WHEN Hurok landed in New York as a 13-year-old from the Ukraine with his gooseflesh pillow under his arm, he had three rubles in his pocket. The money-changer gave him a dollar and ten pence, Sixth Avenue.

Ten years later he was offering Tchaikovsky, Ysaye and Schumann-Holst, among other musical eminences, to popular Sunday night crowds in the immense Hippodrome auditorium, Sixth Avenue.

Since then there have been two black patches. In 1921 and 1926, when he toured Russian and Italian opera companies in adverse circumstances, thousands enthusiastically stayed away. On these two ventures he dropped 350,000 dollars. "But I didn't worry. I went on being happy and jolly."

This I can well believe. Hurok has an exceptional talent for tranquillity. His pink, senatorial profile is as smooth as a touched-up photograph: no wrinkle of care.

Quickly recovering from a brief bout of insolvency, he re-established himself as "The Man Who Makes Culture Pay." Hurok pauses occasionally and bites off a bit of Culture for himself. He tends to do this absent-mindedly.

When the dancers of the Sadler's Wells ballet came back from their last American tour (another is now in negotiation for 1953) they cooed with abandon about the marvellous, but marvellous, old paintings they had seen in the Hurok apartment, Central Park West. I ask Hurok to tell me more about his collection.

Well, he says, some of the paintings are Italian, some French, some Russian. No, he can't remember the painters' names. But one thing is sure—they are all of them classics.

Crossing the Atlantic last June for the 43rd time in seven years, he settled down for a long read in his lower-deck berth aboard a BOAC Monarch. Detective novels he spurns, although he believes they are good things for making you sleep. The normal choice, he says, ranges from economics through politics to "classics" in Russian, French and English. Again the classics are unspiced.

Violin, trumpet

ABOUT music he is more precise. When I mention Rubinstein's playing of the Petroushka transcriptions or Chabrier's singing of Boris, his face lights up as though I have touched a switch. He tells me, or tries to tell me, of all that Mozart, Verdi, Puccini,

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Wagner, Richard Strauss and Massenet have meant to him. Hurok plays the accordion and balalaika and plays them badly. As a child he went for lessons first on the violin, then as a last-ditch measure, on the trumpet. He was so useless at both that the teacher refused to take his money. "But," says Hurok in his distinctive English, "I have an ear. I will know always when there is a false note played. If I would have learned to play an instrument I should be in the position today of working in the pit of an orchestra somewhere at 70 dollars a week. An impresario mustn't learn what is bad for him. But once in a while back-stage, if I see a good violin I touch it." And try to play it? "No, it is enough to touch. It feels good."

OK with Pavlova

DENIED the violin, Hurok plays instead, with considerable mastery, on the instruments of publicity. He does so frankly at times.

In the middle twenties he put out a story, widely taken up by the American papers, that Pavlova had been secretly married for 17 years. When I challenge him about this fiction, Hurok agrees that Pavlova was good box-office. "But always you want something new in the publicity line. We thought the story would help business. And it did. We publicly honest, you know, we do certain things sometimes that

are not strictly etiquette." How did Pavlova take it? "Anything I did was OK to Pavlova." Hurok will be 60 in April. He is glossy bald, has white patches over the ears, does not feel a day over 20.

His first marriage was dissolved. Emma Bunich, whom he married in 1930, graduated at the St. Petersburg musical conservatory in Tzarist days and fled Russia when the revolution came. In those years Hurok was something of a radical. He ran concerts for strike and trade union political funds. Today he defines himself as an independent voter without party, fervently anti-Communist, not a Radical, but a Progressive. "I believe," he says, "in the right of the common man to a good share in all the good things of life."

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The commissars

ANOTHER thing he believed in until soon after the war was S. Hurok's ability to wheedle Soviet dancers out of Russia for Western tours. He wrangled and pleaded with commissars and collectives until all were blue in the face.

Looking back, he says: "I would not want to bring Russian dancers over now even if I had the chance. Russian artists haven't travelled anywhere. In Moscow they try to run ballet as it was run 50 years ago. Give me Fonteyne. Give me Shostakovich. We can get along without the Soviets very well."

My bet, all the same, is that if an East-West entente were announced tonight, S. Hurok would arrange to import Soviet ballerinas before tomorrow's dawn. After all, S. Hurok cannot help being S. Hurok.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

CHARLIE CHAPLIN COMES BACK IN TRIUMPH BUT GETS THE COLD SHOULDER

NEW YORK. THERE were times during the showing of Chaplain's latest and perhaps last film, "Limelight," when it seemed that his comic genius had dimmed.

The beginning of the picture is laborious and lagging, but suddenly, after three-quarters of an hour of rather hackneyed and forced scenes, the master shows his craft.

People who had been squirming uncomfortably in their seats during the film's first sequences sat rigid with attention and tension as the film unfolded. Women cried openly at the dramatic ending.

This isn't Chaplin's greatest picture, but it's superior to some of his films—certainly, I think, to "Modern Times" and "Monsieur Verdoux." It falls short of "City Lights" and "Gold Rush."

It is unfortunate that New Yorkers and New York as a whole have given Chaplin the cold shoulder. There's scarcely a line in any New York newspaper about the two showings of "Limelight." There's not a picture anywhere of Chaplin or his wife, Oona, arriving at the theatre or leaving. There are no photographs of celebrities attending the opening.

Made for London

IT'S the custom here not to print reviews of pictures until after the formal premiere, but it's not the custom to give a great artist the brush-off. New York has given Chaplin that. No newspaper or magazine has published a single story about him or his film.

If Chaplin is hurt by all this, he gives no sign. The important opening, in his opinion, is the premiere in London. He made this picture for London and the world. In a sense it is his salute to the English Music Hall, from which he sprang.

He plays the part of Calvero, fading British comedian who has taken to drink. Calvero, the decayed clown, rescues the young ballet dancer Terry, played by Claire Bloom, from suicide, and helps her to succeed.

When Calvero is down and out, unwanted, and not able even to get a minor job at a few pounds a week she tries to soothe his wounded pride, stop his drinking, and restore his confidence.

Simple story

THE story could hardly be simpler. There are no twists in the plot and no surprises. But it's Chaplin's special gift to portray the basic human emotions of love and fear, cupidity and compassion. He succeeds in this as he always has done.

Only a very great comedian can have his audience on the thin balance between laughter and tears. "Limelight" proves that Chaplin still possesses this gift in abundance.

Claire Bloom is perhaps the most successful of Chaplin's leading ladies, and I include Paulette Goddard. Her part is long and strenuous. There are times when Chaplin so dominates the screen that you forget Miss Bloom, but these are infrequent. It wouldn't be too much to say that she shines almost as brightly as he.

The man who once said he would never need to talk in his

pictures (and he was right) talks possibly too much in this film. Also, he sings in his peculiar rather high falsetto voice.

But these are minor criticisms. Chaplin himself has set such high standards as a comic genius that the slightest falling off becomes almost damning. But he is still supreme.

He makes the modern funny-men such as Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Groucho Marx, and even the gifted clown Danny Kaye appear uninspired and even pedestrian. Chaplin is still King Charles.

Exhibition is late

THE British Alhambra Exhibition has not opened on time here and appears unlikely ever to open, but the Israel Exposition has rung up its curtain and is now ringing the cash-register.

Crowds four abreast lined 48th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues for the grand opening of the First Israel Exposition at Rockefeller Plaza, the heart of New York's rich shopping area. During three days 100,000 people visited the Israel Exposition, which will probably remain open indefinitely, doing permanent business.

What a contrast between what we have not done and what the Israelis have done and are doing. There are whole-page advertisements in the newspapers here showing the queues outside the Israel shop-front which is decorated with the Stars of David, and the headline says: "They could not believe their eyes."

I certainly could not believe mine. I had the second week in September marked down for a tour of the British Isles—30 or more booths displaying British goods. There is not one booth. There are no sales. The whole project is foundering, though there is some vague talk of opening "before Christmas."

Which Christmas? 1952? Mr T. H. Chamberlain, who conceived the idea of the British Isles, says he could not get the space, or the steel, or the co-operation, but meanwhile he is still trying.

I have got the space, the steel, the goods, the co-operation, and now is getting the money. Apparently we are relying on "high-level trade and financial discussions with the new United States Administration early in 1953."

I hope we are not coming to try to arrange another loan, credit, or straight gift. There has been enough humiliation along those lines.

Two terribly tired men are dragging themselves from one end of the country to the other, talking, gesticulating, walking the platform plank, and utterly exhausting themselves.

It is all so unnecessary in this day of the nation-wide radio network, the television chain, and the newswire screen.

Pageant of America

IN New York "I am an American" Day has just been observed. One hundred thousand Americans including 22,000 newly naturalised citizens, flocked into Central Park carrying the Stars and Stripes and their heads high. Some had posters, "I am proud to be an American."

It was a pageant as well as an observance. Five concert singers, 18 crooners, two orchestras, ten comedians, a dozen actors and actresses, and the police and fire department glue clubs participated in the programme.

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PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

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"Now what do I do, mother?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

To avoid Ulisse del Sun Cam-
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In America they have invented a siren which I hope they will call Parthenope on Leucosia. It is described as "loud enough to cause permanent injury to the unprotected human ear."

What could be finer than that? But the siren, appealing to a cultured public point out that the noise is equal to the sound of a good symphony orchestra at full blast. Put one in your radio set on a Wayne night, says Jack Hopkins, with a little laugh.

In passing

NEXT to kindness to animals—which means kindness to the animal you like, try asking a cat to be a kindness to a mouse. Next to kindness to animals as a social virtue comes kindness to women's complexions. I read of a system of number-timed glass panels on a ceiling with a network of fluorescent lighting behind them. It "show women at their best" (sic). Now is the moment for "some expert" to repeat that if a husband is ever

allowed to see his wife's face in a natural light (illumination, dearie, and the break-up of the marriage are bound to follow swiftly).

Nosebags for women

NOW that women's sun-glasses are becoming more and more like horse blinkers my imagination plays for nosebags for women. It is being more calmly considered. All that is needed is for some fashion-house in Paris to take up the idea. Then, when the beauties are wearing theirs, sunbats with all the eyes and nosebags, some pioneer among the mainequis will go down on all fours and whinny. Only two words from a Dior or a Fath will be necessary: "It's smart."

Mole rescued from aquarium roof

IF you wanted to have a horse pulled out of a chimney, or an ostrich rescued from the top of a gasworks, what would you do? Summon the fire brigade. Last week a fireman rescued a mole from the roof of a gasworks. The mole was a 20-foot well. Next week they will be lassoing a giraffe on the roof of St. Pancras Station, or loosening a slinging mouse's head from between the railings of a borough surveyor's office.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

BORN today, you are one of the free spirits of the world. You are to conform, conventionally, in your life or in your work seems to be very difficult. You are a leader in those of others. Fortunately, you have the charm that makes people like you as well as the executive ability to carry out your ideas. You are not suited to a commercial or business career but will make your best progress in the creative arts. Your originality can have full play and there will be less demand for having to "conform."

Still, you have a certain shrewdness when it comes to knowing when an idea is a profitable one—and when it isn't. You probably will never lack for the material goods of this world, although you

may never become terribly rich either. It is likely that you will have special talents in music and literature, particularly poetic expression. Don't permit them to be repressed in your nature. Parents born on this day are faced with children that are really temperamental at a very early age. Learn to cope with it. Guide and counsel for your own sake. You may have a near-genius on your hands!

Your emotions are deep-rooted and it is likely that you will be but one real love in your life. Marriage to that "one person" can bring exceptional happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't neglect your correspondence. Catch up on your letter-writing if you want replies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If you have done your work conscientiously today, you can afford to go to the theatre and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Slow and easy wins today's race, for you may have to rebudget your time and energy to get everything done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't experiment today. Better to you to follow famous recipes just now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you have been impatient at getting it off, you'll say the right thing!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Don't hurry today or you may regret it. You will only waste energy. Take it one at a time.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Being careless with your personal appearance can be unfortunate. Spend time to acquire good grooming.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Make your week-end plans for recreation and relaxation. Forget about work and decide to play.

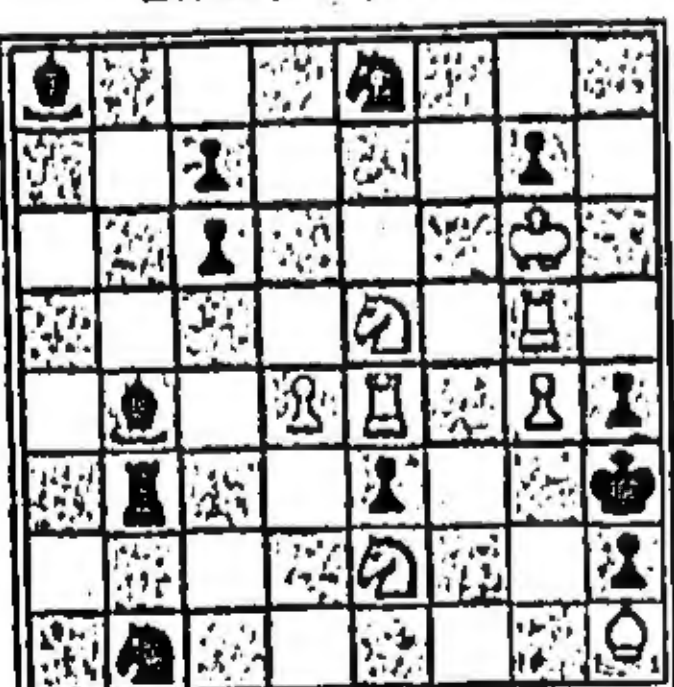
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't be too critical of others. Be diplomatic if you must correct someone for a mistake; save a friend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—If you can't go visiting this evening, at least you can get on the telephone and say "hello."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Be sure you know where you are going before you dash headlong into something. Look before you leap!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Make plans for the future. Then, as the month closes, stick to them. Hard work pays dividends.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. FLESHVY
Black, 12 pieces.

White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-Kt6, any; 2. Q, R, B, Kt, or P (as ch, or Q; or B) mates.

DUMB-BELLS



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Stay Clear of Slam If
Foe Has Two Aces.

NORTH			
♠ K 8 7 3			
♥ Q J 10 4			
♦ K Q 6			
♣ 4 2			
♠ 8 4 3			
♥ A 10 7 2			
♦ 7 4			
EAST			
♠ A 10 5			
♥ 7 5 4 2			
♦ 9			
♣ 10 9 8 5 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ Q J 9			
♥ A K J 10 9			
♦ 5 3			
♣ A 3			
North-South vul.			
♠	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
6 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 7			

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHAT sort of bridge hand makes you think of fireworks? Probably a slam. But not just an ordinary slam, expertly bid and played. Let's take a look at a slam that shouldn't have been bid.

Certainly there's nothing much to recommend the slam contract shown in today's hand. Experience should stay out of a slam when the opponents have two aces. But when this hand came along in the Decoration Day tournament in New York, most of the North-South pairs staggered into six no-trump.

In a way, it's not to be wondered at. The defense had just two aces between them, not a lack more. By way of compensation North had a good five-card suit, and South had an even better one.

If the defense had held about the same value—but not in the form of two aces—the slam might have been a cold because of the strength of the red suits.

I wouldn't compare this slam to fireworks if it were just an unlucky hand that was set because the defenders had two aces. The astonishing thing about it is that most of the experts who bid the slam managed to make it.

At most tables West opened a club, and South with the ace could have led a diamond, hoping that somebody would take the ace and could return anything. There was a diamond in the suit that's cheapest to bid.

South managed to win three spades, five hearts, one diamond and three clubs. Twelve tricks even though the defenders each held an ace.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

West North East South
1 Diamond Double Redouble
? You, South, hold: Spades 7-5-3-2, Hearts 7-10-6-5, Diamonds 8-5-2, Clubs 8-4. What do you do?

A—Bid one heart. A "free" bid over the redouble usually shows some strength, because you can afford to pass any weak hand and let your partner show his best suit. The exception occurs when you have five cards in the suit that's cheapest to bid.

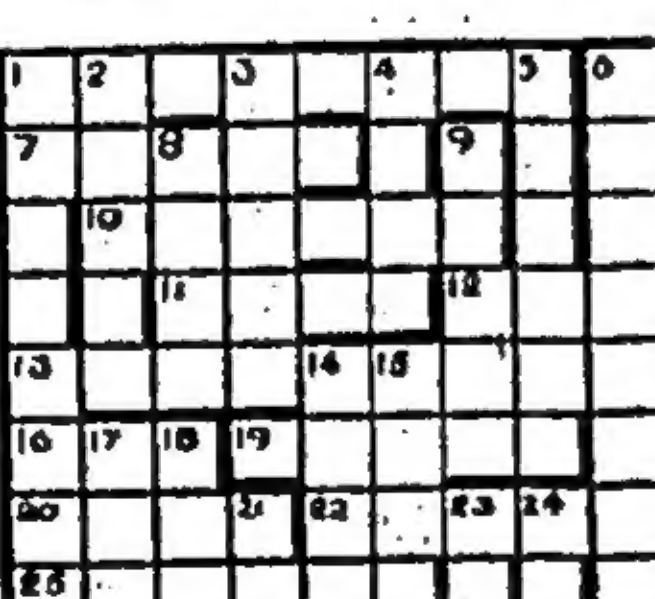
Your bid of one heart doesn't stop North bidding one spade or two clubs if he happens to have a really good suit; but it does indicate a play trump suit if he happens to have a fairly good three-card holding in hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 7-5-3-2, Hearts 7-5-3, Diamonds 8-4, Clubs 8-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



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"TIJLUWAI"	Oct. 16	Japan	
"VAN HEUTZ"	Oct. 20	Japan	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	Oct. 21	Singapore, Djakarta & Belawan, Deli, Singapore & Djakarta	
"TASMAN"	Oct. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"MAETSVUYCKER"	Oct. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJWANGI"	Nov. 2	Japan	
"RUYE"	Nov. 3	Japan	
"TIJANAS"	Nov. 8	Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & America	
"TIJADANE"	Nov. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJONDOK"	Nov. 9	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	Nov. 10	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJLUWAI"	Nov. 16	Japan	
"TEGELBERG"	Nov. 21	Japan	
"VAN HEUTZ"	Nov. 22	Singapore, Djakarta & Belawan, Deli, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJWANGI"	Nov. 27	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TEGELBERG"	Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJADANE"	Dec. 9	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America	
"TIJONDOK"	Dec. 14	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TIJLUWAI"	Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"BOISSEVAIN"	Dec. 30	Japan	
"TIJWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	

ARRIVALS From

"TIJWANGI"	Sept. 28	Macassar, Surabaya, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
"TIJADANE"	Oct. 5	Japan
"TIJLUWAI"	Oct. 5	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Oct. 7	S. America, Mauritius, Singapore, Djakarta & Manila
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Oct. 7	Japan

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Cotton

Taiwan-Germany Barter Plan

Taipei, Sept. 24.
Taiwan will export 20,000 tons of sugar to West Germany in exchange for chemical fertilizers and machinery. The barter trade agreement now being negotiated, Mr. Yang Chi-cheng, General Manager of the Taiwan Sugar Company, said yesterday.

CEYLON RESTRICTS IMPORTS

Colombo, Sept. 24.
Ceylon has decided to restrict imports from European countries, according to usually reliable sources here.

The cuts would be in addition to the measures announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Senanayake, last week-end to meet Ceylon's financial crisis and food shortage.

These included increased taxation and a surcharge on some luxury imports. Imports from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, France, Switzerland and Turkey would be brought under licence under the new cuts.

Imports from Germany would also be severely curbed. Goods affected include textiles, woollens, clocks, cars and various liquors.

The measure will come into effect almost immediately. British Commonwealth countries are excluded, from the cuts. — Reuter.

Pessimism Over U.S. Economy Now Clearing

New York, Sept. 24.
New 1952 production records are proving a commonplace; there are forecasts of increased defence spending and civilian output continues encouraging.

Pessimism is giving way to optimism in several quarters. The machine-tool industry, the backbone of production, now looks as though it may set an all-time record this year.

More motor-cars are being made than at any time in the past 15 months.

But amid all the pleasing and encouraging reports are some sour notes. Some businessmen find that inflation is trimming profits. It takes price reductions and easy credit to make the shopper buy in retail stores.

Trade War Possible Outcome Of Buxton Textiles Conference

Buxton, Sept. 24.
A cotton trade war appeared today to be a more likely outcome of the International Cotton Conference than a peace plan it was called to promote.

The Conference has not yet resumed full session after six days of exchanging facts and figures from which delegates of 11 exporting countries had hoped to map out the future of world trade on a live-and-let-live basis.

The Steering Committee, comprising leaders of all participating delegations, is meeting today to draw up the final report, which will be presented to the full session of the conference, which may be called on Thursday.

Visits to mills and other cotton centres in Manchester have been arranged for all delegations.

The only hard fact that has filtered through the screen of secrecy surrounding the conference is that the British delegation has turned down definitely the Japanese idea of lowering tariff barriers in the Commonwealth markets.

Nothing official has been announced on this, but every observer is predicting that a trade war between Lancashire and Japan for world cotton markets appears to be more likely than peace.

A spokesman for the British delegation told reporters that the conference has made good progress, but he did not say how Britain would benefit materially from the conference. He said the British delegation put the British case as strongly as they could, and that there was no intention of giving away anything Britain possessed. — United Press.

STILL SUSPICIOUS

Buxton, Sept. 24.
Lancashire's suspicions that the Japanese want to increase trade with Commonwealth markets have in no way been diminished by talks at the International Cotton Textile Conference, observers at the conference said today.

That Britain is fully alive to this is shown by repeated statements by Lancashire's own representatives at the conference that Britain is giving nothing away and that an increase in Britain's own exports is absolutely essential.

One cause of these suspicions is Japan's plea for a lowering or removal of tariff barriers. Lancashire mill owners know that Japan is not an importer of cotton yarn or cloth. They therefore consider that lower tariffs can only mean increased exports by Japan—mainly at Britain's expense.

In the first six months of this year, Japan sold more cotton piecegoods in the Commonwealth than Britain, despite the fact that imports of Japanese cloth are banned, or restricted, in many of these markets.

The leaders of the delegations from Britain, Japan, the United States, India and Western

Europe have stressed the importance of increasing world consumption of cotton goods as the most promising way out of the industry's difficulties.

STUDYING REPORTS

Today, the conference's steering committee is studying the reports by the two sub-committees. The first committee has been examining each delegation's estimates of the likely future volume of world trade in cotton goods and the share in that trade each expects to achieve.

The other has been examining ways of increasing world consumption and world trade in cotton goods.

The steering committee will place these reports before a full meeting of the conference tomorrow, which should be the last day of the sessions which started here last Friday.

The Indian delegation is today giving a luncheon to the delegates at Manchester. Afterwards some delegates will visit the British cotton industry research centre, the Shirely Institute, and an exhibition of British fabrics at the design and style centre in Manchester.

Other delegates are visiting mills around Manchester. — Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$24,092.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES	
BANKS	
HSBC	1405
East Asia	148
INSURANCES	
Union	750
SHIPPING	50 @ 753
Asia Nav.	1.40
DOCKS, ETC.	
K. Wharf	02
N. P. Wharf	03 1/2
Dock	300 @ 20.00
	1000 @ 20.50
Utilities	
Power	800 700 2250 @ 05c
Shai Dock	1.05
Wholesale	42 1/2
Electric	0.40 @ 0.50 @ 0.60
HK Land (O)	40 1/2 @ 2.00
HK Land (N)	40 1/2 @ 2.00
Shai Land	1 1/4
Utilities	
P. Tram (O)	19.20 19.30 700 @ 19.30
Star Ferry (O)	1.00
C. Light (O)	0.15 0.20 1000 @ 0.20
C. Light (N)	0.20 0.30 1000 @ 0.20
Electric	22.10 22.30 1000 @ 22.10
	500 @ 22.10
Macao Elec.	10.00
Telephone	17 1/2
INDUSTRIALS	
Cement	17.20 1000 @ 17.10
	200 @ 17.20
	1000 @ 17.30
Stores, ETC.	
Daily	10.10 10.20 2000 @ 10.10
Watson	20.80 20.90 @ 20.70
	500 @ 20.80
Cotton	
Crawford	29
Bwo	2.45 700 @ 2.50

Grain Futures Higher

Chicago, Sept. 24.
Chicago grain futures closed mostly higher. Commercial buying and short covering lifted soybeans after a shaky start. Wheat closed off 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher. Soybeans were 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher. Prices closed as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.39 1/2
December	2.35 1/2-2.35
March (1953)	2.41 1/2-2.4
May	2.42 1/2-2.4

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.2325
Sterling note (per £1) 10.23
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 23.00
Singapore dollars (per 100) 24.50
FIC dollars (per 100) 11.00

Japanese Mission

Tokyo, Sept. 24.
Japanese oil and gas merchants have decided to send a mission to Indonesia to negotiate an increase in the import of copra, according to the JJI Press. The mission will be composed of 10 members. — Franco Press.

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"SAINT MARCOUF"	Oct. 20	Oct. 25 Japan
"FEI HO"	Nov. 10	Nov. 21 Japan

Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Sept. 29	Sept. 30 Marseilles via Saigon
"GRENOBLE"	Oct. 5	Oct. 6 N. Africa & Europe
"FALAISE"	Oct. 20	Oct. 26 N. Africa & Europe

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SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

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Baggage room and Hold baggage will be registered at the Kowloon Godown No. 50 (No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance) on the 29th September, from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m., and on the 30th September from 10 a.m. to noon only.

No baggage will be registered after that time.

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Quiet Day In NY Cotton

New York, Sept. 24.
Cotton trading proved quiet, quiet and uneventful. Traders held to the sidelines awaiting new inventories or watching the action of the outside markets. Hedge offerings increased whenever December delivery neared. Bullishly inclined traders tried to make capital out of crop deterioration reports from Texas. Evening up in October delivery provided a trading feature.

The market opened 6 higher to 3 points lower. Thereafter it saw-sawed over a range of \$1 a bale to close 5 higher to 10 points lower. Open contracts in October delivery at the start of trading totalled 211,000 bales. Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	30.00 nominal
October	30.00
December	30.00-30.05
March (1953)	30.00-30.00
May	30.05
July	30.20-30.25
October	30.00 nominal
December	30.00
March (1953)	30.07 nominal

JAPANESE BONDS

Japanese bonds	
"A" (4s. of 1909)	81
"B" (4s. of 1910)	67 1/2
"C" (4s. of 1907)	120 1/2
"D" (4s. of 1934)	94
"E" (5 1/2s. of 1930)	154 1/2
Consols	67 1/2

—United Press.

Stock Gains Pared

New York, Sept. 24.
Profit-taking pared large early gains in the stock market to fractions at the close.

The volume totalled 1,390,000 shares. Of 1,090 issues traded, 540 advanced, 285 declined and 307 were unchanged.

Carriers had gains ranging to 2 points. A few high-priced oils moved out of a narrow price range for gains of a point. Steels were quiet and mostly higher.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—
30 Industrials 272.26
20 rails 105.16
15 utilities 80.14
40 bonds 98.25
—United Press.

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